

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : **Richard L. Hammons**  
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Customer No. : **29855**  
Title: **NETWORK SECURITY THROUGH CONFIGURATION  
SERVERS IN THE FABRIC ENVIRONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed on September 30, 2009. Because this response is sent within the three-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, should any fees or refunds be due, this Office is authorized to deduct any such fees from or credit any such refunds to Deposit Account no. 501922 referencing attorney docket number 112-0020US.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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Remarks being on page 9.